Production of Rifampicin

148. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the companies allowed to produce Rifampicin alongwith the capacity allowed to each;

(b) what is the stage from which manufacture of Rifampicin has been allowed to each company ;

(c) what was the production of each company during the last two years ;

(d) what is the price per kg. fixed by his Ministry for indigenous production ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the present CIF price per kg. of Rifampicin is around 150$ and foreign exchange involved in the production is around 200$;

(f) what is the total foreign exchange loss on this drug per year ;

(g) whether it is also a fact that there is neither customs duty on Rifampicin nor on the penultimate ; and

(h) if so, what is the total extra amount being paid by consumers per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Details of companies who have been granted approvals for the production of Rifampicin are given below :—

Name of the Company	Capacity (Tons)
1. LETTERS FINTENT	
1. Shri Arun K. Mittal	15·00
2. M/s. Cadila Labs. . .	10·00
3. M/s. Alembic Chemicals .	20·00
4. M/s. Themis Pharmaceuticals	1·00
5. M/s. H.A.L. . . .	15·50
6. M/s. SOL Pharma. . .	50·00

(Above mentioned Letters of Intent are yet to be converted into Industrial Licence).

II. Registration under the scheme of delicensing :

1. M|s. Lupin Labs. 50.00

(b) The stage of manufacture of Rifampicin allowed in respect of Letters of Intent is basic fermentation stage. However, in case of Registration under scheme of delicensing, stage of manufacture will be decided after finalization of norms for phased manufacturing programme.

(c) The parties holding Letters of Intent can commence production only after conversion of Letter of Intent into Industrial Licence. Only M|s Lupin Labs, who hold Registration under De-licensing Registration Scheme (DLR Scheme) have reported production of 35.97MT of Rifampicin during 1986-87. One Small Scale unit namely M|s. Synth Rifa also have reported production as follows:—

Year	Production (MT)
1985-86	3.66
1986-87	12.70* (Provisional)

(d) The price of Rifampicin for indigenous production has been fixed as Rs. 3000|- kg. by the Government.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(e), (f) and (h) The international price are subject to great degree of fluctuation. This Department does not monitor the international prices.

Vacancies of Judges in Courts

149. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many posts of judges are being vacant in the Supreme Court and the

different High Courts till date and since how long ;

(b) what are the reasons for not filling up these posts ; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Requisite information is given in the attached statement. *(see below)*

(b) and (c) The matter of filling up the vacant posts of Judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts is engaging the earnest attention of the Government in consultatoin with the concerned constitutional authorities. However, it is not possible to indicate the time by which the posts will be filled up.

Statement

I — Supreme Court — As on 1-7-1987

No. of vacancies	Date from which vacancies have arisen
12	15-6-86 21-12-86 19-6-87 1-7-87 Remaining 8 vacancies arose on 9-5-1986 when the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court was raised from 18 to 26 Judges.

II — **High Courts**

S.No.	Name of the Court	Vacancies		Date from which vacancies in Col. 3 & 4 have arisen
		Permanent	Additional	
1	2	3	4	5
1	Allahabad	7	6	15-10-1984 15-10-1984 15-10-1984 15-10-1984 15-10-1984 7-02-1985 5-05-1986 23-05-1986 28-06-1986 18-08-1986 5-01-1987 8-01-1987 26-01-1987
2	Andhra Pradesh . . .	..	2	26-11-1982 29-11-1982
3	Bombay	1	1	1-05-1987 June, 1987
4	Calcutta	..	..	
5	Delhi	..	2	29-04-1987 29-04-1987

1	2	3	4	5
6	Gauhati	2	..	3-11-1986 20-12-1986
7	Gujarat	1	3	7-06-1984 26-06-1984 2-04-1985 26-11-1986
8	Himachal Pradesh . . .	1	1	23-09-1986 1-05-1987
9	Jammu & Kashmir . .	..	..	
10	Karnataka	1	..	28-09-1986
11	Kerala	..	..	
12	Madhya Pradesh . . .	2	1	27-10-1986 1-09-1986 2-04-1987
13	Madras	5	..	10-03-1986 10-08-1986 3-09-1986 23-10-1986 9-05-1987
14	Orissa	2	1	1-03-1986 24-06-1986 26-06-1986
15	Patna	1	..	25-11-1986
16	Punjab & Haryana . .	5	..	1-08-1984 24-05-1985 12-03-1986 11-07-1986 16-07-1986
17	Rajasthan	..	..	
18	Sikkim	1	..	21-01-1986
		29	17	

GRAND TOTAL: 46

N.B. Against these 46 vacancies——

(a) Appointments of 1 Additional Judge in the Delhi High Court and 1 Judge in the Karnataka High Court have since been notified.

(b) Appointments of 8 Judges in the Allahabad High Court, 1 in Karnataka High Court and 1 in Orissa High Court have been approved and are to be notified.